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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF TWO BULGARIAN BISHOPS

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1. EMBASSY READ WITH INTEREST AUGUST 6 AP REPORT CARRIED IN PARIS HERALD-TRIBUNE OF NOMINATION OF TWO NEW BULGARIAN BISHOPS, BOGDAN DOBRANOC AND VASCO SERIRECOV. BULGARIAN PRESS HAS MADE NO MENTION OF OCCURRENCE, BUT EMBASSY HAS HEARD HERE THAT POPE RAISED QUESTION OF BISHOPS DURING INTERVIEW WITH ZHIVKOV IN JUNE AND ZHIVKOV PROMISED ACTION TO IMPROVE SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY VIO FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION ON NOMINEES.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION EMBASSY ROME OR DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE REGARDING NOMINATION ITSELF OR BIOGRAPHIES OF NOMINEES.  
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